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Minutes of the January 14, 2019 meeting of the King County Board of Ethics

The January 14, 2019 meeting of the King County Board of Ethics was called to order by Chair Ladstein at 9:30 a.m. Board members in attendance were:

Iva Clark
Gunbjorg Ladstein, Chair
Thomas Miller (via phone)

Others in attendance:

Kelli Williams, Deputy Director, Office of Risk Management Services

1. *Approval of the agenda* – Ms. Clark moved to approve the agenda, the board voted to unanimously approve the agenda.

2. *Public comment* – There were no members of the public at the meeting.

3. *Approval of meeting minutes of September 17, 2018* – Mr. Miller moved to approve the September 17, 2018 minutes. The board voted to unanimously approve the minutes.

4. *Staff Report* – Ms. Williams discussed staffing and workload, including the upcoming Financial Disclosure Program. Ms. Williams shared that she will have an administrative assistant, Corinne, to help audit, check in forms and answer simple questions during the Financial Disclosure Program. Rosters are still being populated, especially from the departments with reorganizations, but most forms should be sent out next week.

Ms. Williams shared what type of calls have been coming to the Ethics Program, secondary employment, contracting with the County with current and former employees and meals continue to be the most popular calls. There were a large number of inquiries about edible/perishable gifts from vendors and contractors over the holidays.

Ms. Williams shared with the Board that the Executive's Office has received three applications for the vacant position but is unsure when a decision will be made.

The Board discussed the provision about former county employees and what work they may do within their first year after leaving county employment. Recent events at the local and national levels have put these situations in the spotlight, both in negative and positive ways. The Board reviewed the provisions around former county employees and felt the Code language was

sufficiently strong. They recommended to keep this issue on their radar especially as elected officials and their staff experience personnel changes.

5. Discussion and planning for next meeting – The Board discussed the outstanding trainings that board members need to take, including the Public Records Act and the Open Public Meetings Act. The Board discussed having these trainings at their next meeting. The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 15, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in the Chinook Building.

Ms. Clark moved to adjourn the meeting. The Board unanimously adopted the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m.